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The I. B. S. A. Foreign Missions Investigation Committee, After Round the World Tour, Report in New York Hippodrome Mass Meeting That a Thousand Times \$30,000,000 Would Not Be Sufficient to Convert the World—Nothing Short of Christ's Kingdom Will Do It.



PASTOR RUSSELL

New York, March 31.—The International Bible Students Association secured the Hippodrome in which to hear the Report of its Committee on Foreign Missions Investigation. The spacious auditorium was crowded. Prof. F. H. Robinson, as Secretary of the Association, announced that the Report as a whole had been submitted to the Association and was in the printer's hands, to appear in pamphlet form illustrated. It will shortly be procurable at the small price of five cents per copy, postpaid to any address—free to the poor. The conclusion of the Report is in the nature of a Summary, which he read. We note some of its more salient points, as follows:—

Summary of Report.

Oriental Christians are about as sincere, intelligent and earnest as the average of church attendants in Europe and America—few saints.

Christianizing endeavors seem pretty generally to have ceased. Present missionary endeavors are almost exclusively along the line of secular education and medical aid.

There is less need of Academic and Collegiate education, such as the missionaries forward, than for Common Schooling. The general Common School education could best be furnished by the government and along unsectarian lines, after the method followed under the United States supervision in the Philippine Islands. The tendency of the times in the Orient, as in the Occident, is toward unbelief in any religion. The Orientals are remarkably tolerant of all religions, and are often perplexed at the Missionary competition, and opposition between Christian denominations. They would accept Christianity if it could demonstrate its superiority.

Oriental are not heathen savages, but their educated classes include splendid specimens of noble manhood, the moral and intellectual peers of Europeans and Americans. The masses of these people are less vicious, less rude, more kind and considerate than are the masses of Europe and America. Drunkenness and outward immodesty are almost unknown.

Many of the churches are self-sustaining and the Orientals prefer to have them so, as they desire native preachers, and to manage their own affairs.

The very suggestion of the world's conversion is ridiculous to the peoples of the East—including the Missionaries. * * * The interest on \$30,000,000, or the principal multiplied a thousand times, would accomplish little except along the lines of secular education—nothing as respects the world's conversion. Nothing short of "the Kingdom of God's dear Son" can meet the issue.

Pastor Russell's discourse follows:—

Pastor Russell's Hippodrome Address. "Ask of Me and I will give Thee the

HERE'S WHAT FOLKS IN ENGLAND LAUGH AT:
"BOBBY" NABS ELUSIVE CHRISTOBEL ON RUN

Even Britishers can see the humorous side of the suffragette situation. Hatesman, the famous English silhouette artist, has taken to picturing the adventures of militant vote-seekers, and has made quite a bit with his work. The above shadow picture depicting the supposed capture of the elusive suffragette leader, Christobel Pankhurst, by a London "bobby" was regarded throughout England as particularly comical.

—even for raising inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession."—Psalm li, 8.

The prophetic words, addressed by Jehovah to his Son, the Messiah, continually recurred to my mind as I mingled with and observed the peoples of India, China, Japan and the Philippines during our recent World Tour. Then certain questions came before my mind, which with their answers I will place before you.

The first question was, Why do we call these people heathen? They are not barbarous, not savages, not lawless people. Indeed, long centuries ago, when our forefathers were barbarians, these had much of the civilization which they still retain. But, I said, we call them heathen because the Bible so refers to them. Let us see how and why the Bible uses this term and what is its significance. In Bible usage the word rendered "heathen" is the same as is sometimes rendered nations and Gentiles. For centuries it applied to all peoples outside the little nation of Israel, because that one nation had entered into Covenant-relationship with God, and had become His people, His dominion.

All the other nations, not thus related to God by Covenant, were styled heathen; all the outside nations were aliens, strangers and foreigners from the Covenants and promises made to Israel. And this same term continued to be applicable after the coming of Jesus. Even though the Gospel favor, which was originally offered to the Jews, was later thrown open to Cornelius and all Gentiles, or heathens, only those who accepted its terms, and came into Covenant-relationship with God through the begetting of the Holy Spirit—only these, Israelites indeed, are properly reckoned as members of spiritual Israel, of whom St. Peter tells us, "Ye are a Royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people." Consequently all others than Jews and Spiritual Israelites are heathens, whether they live in the Orient or the Occident.

Two Civilizations Contrasted.

Our second question was, On the whole, to what extent is our Western civilization, which is often called Christian civilization, superior to that of the East?

Considerable could be said in favor of each. We who have been accustomed from childhood to Western methods, customs, dress, etc., prefer our own, but the Eastern peoples evidently prefer their own, and are loath to change to ours. They are, however, now passively admitting the superiority of ours in that they are gradually adopting our schooling system, military system, naval system and voting system.

But in our contrasting the two civilizations, are we not apt to forget that the very features of our civilization, which are now being accepted as superior in the East, are comparatively new to ourselves? Where were our public schools and compulsory education a century ago? It is only twenty years ago that Great Britain adopted the present method. Where were our railroads, which they are now adopting? Let us remember that there was not a rail in the world, nor a locomotive, nor a car, a hundred years ago.

The East is rapidly introducing telegraphy, the telephone, the wireless system, the electric railways; but how long have we had these in the West? Less than a century—some of them for only ten years. Viewing the matter from this standpoint should help to keep us of the West quite humble when we think of and speak of the awakening in the East—in China, Japan, etc.

To What Extent Has "Christian Civilization" Blessed the World?

That Christ's teachings have brought great blessings wherever they have been received is, we hold, beyond dispute. Individuals have been blessed by the precious truth of Christianity—rich and poor, of every nation, kindred and tongue. To these the Gospel has

age has brought peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation provided through Him. To these the instruction of the Bible and the guidance of the Holy Spirit have brought the fruitage of the Spirit. To these it has brought "the peace of God which passeth all understanding," ruling in their hearts at all times, and under all conditions—whether "in sickness or health, in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth."

But our question does not relate to these saintly followers of the teachings of Jesus, who walk in His footsteps. Our question is in respect to the civilization which identifies itself with Christianity, without accepting the terms of discipleship. Has this civilization brought to the masses of Europe and America great blessing, and, if it be extended to the far East, will it prove a blessing to the hundreds of millions there?

If larger houses, better streets and sewers, better water supplies, better clothing, better schools, etc., are bringing to the people of Europe and America more joy, more peace, more happiness, more contentment, more kindness, more usefulness in the present life and more preparation for the life to come, then our Western civilization is a blessing to us, and would doubtless prove a blessing to the far East.

But has it brought these blessings? Alas, no! As far as our observations in China and Japan go, we are led to believe that their peoples are far happier, far more contented, than the peoples of Europe and America. We are not blaming this upon Christianity, mark you—we have not yet said why it is so. We are merely noting facts, which must be manifest to everyone who has seen the two in contact.

A Reason For This.

Our fourth question was, Why is it so? What peculiarities are connected with Christian civilization or the Christian teachings which produce such diverse results—bringing one class, the saintly followers of Jesus, into the utmost peace and joy, and bringing others, the masses who are merely nominal Christians, into this most unsatisfactory and unhappy condition of any people in the world, even when they are enjoying greater blessings and luxuries than the majority?

There is but one answer to this question: It is because the teachings of Christ carry with them a broadening of mind, an emancipation from superstition, a spirit of liberty. True, there were Dark Ages, during which many so-called Christian superstitions prospered. But such superstitions were not the teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, but the misrepresentations of their teachings. Those superstitions did indeed for a time make the people of Europe drowsy, and it was the custom of such religious teachers to restrain human thought and to fetter and belabor the intellects over which they had influence.

We are not discussing such conditions, but merely the general influence of the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles and the Prophets of old. The discontent which we are noting began to come to Europe at the very time when the Bible was brought out from obscurity. It is the teachings of the Bible that have had the enlightening effect upon all the nations which have been in contact with them. It is the Bible's teachings that have brought the special rest to some hearts, and the special discontent to others—the masses.

This is the answer. The Bible alone, of all religious books, sets forth prominently the equality of all men before the Almighty God. This thought once grasped breaks all fetters of the mind. But all are not prepared for such liberty—some evidently would enjoy great peace and would be more quiet, more reverent and more submissive if they continued bound with a measure of superstition, than if the truth should make them free.

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Nevertheless, some of the saintly people are disesteemed by many of the worldly-minded who are moving heaven and earth at home and abroad to amass wealth, power and fame for themselves, their families, their friends, their names, none of whom are content, none of whom are satisfied, none of whom are at peace, either with God or with themselves. Who can doubt that the carrying of our western civilization to the people of the east will carry to them similar discontent, unrest, unhappiness, anger, malice, envy, hatred and strife which is peculiar to the Occident? But most likely the effect of the Western civilization of the Chinese will be to wake up her hundreds of millions to discontent and strife, and possibly bring anarchy to her doors sooner than it will come to Europe and America.

"Ask and I Will Give the Heavens."

But our text declares that if Messiah will ask of the Father, He will be given the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Will He ask for them? Why has He not already asked for them, and what would He do with them, and would not His dealing with them have much the same influence that the Gospel Message now produces—to make them dissatisfied?

Our Lord intimates most distinctly His reason for not asking for the heathen at the first advent. In His

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